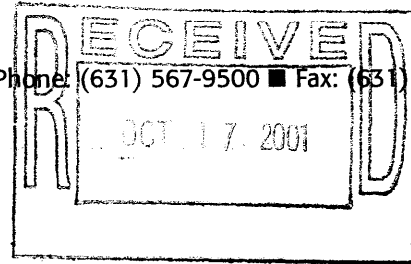




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October 3, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Women's Health™ Soy Menopause Formula with MaxiSoy™ supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- For Hot Flash and Night Sweat Relief
- Women's Health™ is a menopausal supplement that uses MaxiSoy™ a proprietary soy extract, to help relieve the midlife changes for peri-menopausal, menopausal, and post-menopausal women.
- Recommended by leading women's health experts everywhere, Soy is a rich source of plant-based protein and contains the naturally occurring isoflavones, Genistin and Daidzin.
- Soy helps alleviate the hot flashes and night sweats that are so common during midlife years.
- Spring Valley's advanced MaxiSoy™ extract contains a standardized dosage of Soy, containing at least 15% saponins, making it a superior value that guarantees the best in menopausal support.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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